

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>CRIMINAL NO.</b> _____
<b>V.</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>DATE FILED:</b> _____
<b>STEVEN JOBLIN</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 1341</b> <b>(Mail fraud- 2 Counts)</b>
		<b>18 U.S.C. § 1343</b> <b>(Wire fraud- 2 Counts)</b>

**INFORMATION**

**COUNTS ONE and TWO**

**THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES THAT:**

**Introduction**

At all times material to this information:

1. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN, used an address of 515 Gilham Street, Unit C-1, Philadelphia, PA, 19111.
2. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN, used an emailaddress of [Peteyr2@aol.com](mailto:Peteyr2@aol.com).
3. Ebay is an internet based company that operates a commercial interactive online auction service and acts as a broker between sellers of items and potential buyers. When a seller and a buyer are put in contact with each other through Ebay's auction service, the finalization of the transaction, including payment for and delivery of the item, is left to be arranged by the buyer and the seller.
4. PayPal is an internet based company which provides a payment service. This service permits buyers in internet based auctions to pay sellers by using a credit card or by having funds directly withdrawn from the buyer's bank account.

### **Scheme to Defraud**

5. From in or about April 2002, through in or about March 2003, defendant

**STEVEN JOBLIN,**

devised and intended to devise a scheme to defraud and obtain money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises.

6. It was part of the scheme that the defendant STEVEN JOBLIN offered merchandise which he did not own or possess for sale on Ebay Internet auctions, and contacted Ebay Internet auction winners and directed them to send him payments for the merchandise offered. The merchandise included, but was not limited to, artwork, crystal, camera equipment, coins, puzzles, and computer equipment.

It was further part of the scheme that:

7. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN, using an email address of [Peteyr2@aol.com](mailto:Peteyr2@aol.com), offered for sale on Ebay auctions merchandise that the defendant knew, at the time he offered the items for sale, had been previously sold by the defendant to an art dealer in New York.

8. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN, using an email address of [Peteyr2@aol.com](mailto:Peteyr2@aol.com), offered for sale on Ebay auctions merchandise that the defendant had copied from a website and that he had never possessed.

9. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN directed Ebay auction winners of the merchandise to send a check or money order as payment for these items to the defendant STEVEN JOBLIN at 515 Gilham Street, Unit C-1, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19111.

10. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN directed Ebay auction winners of the merchandise to wire transfer funds for the payment of the merchandise through an account the defendant had with PayPal.

11. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN accepted and deposited checks and money orders sent to him as payments for merchandise falsely auctioned and accepted for sale but never delivered to the Ebay auction winners.

12. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN accepted the wire transfer of funds sent to him as payment for merchandise falsely auctioned and accepted for sale but never delivered to the Ebay auction winners.

13. Defendant STEVEN JOBLIN used email to give Ebay auction winners false and deceptive reasons for why merchandise paid for by the Ebay auction winners was not received by those winners.

14. As a result of the false representations made by defendant STEVEN JOBLIN, Ebay auction winners paid for the value of the merchandise and never received that merchandise.

15. The defendant STEVEN JOBLIN defrauded twenty-six (26) individuals of \$43,741.90.

#### **The Mailings**

16. On or about the dates stated below, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, defendant

#### **STEVEN JOBLIN,**

for the purpose of executing the scheme described above and attempting to do so, knowingly caused to be delivered by United States mail, according to the directions thereon, the items described below:

<u>COUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SENDER</u>	<u>ADDRESSEE</u>	<u>ITEM MAILED</u>
One	12-2-02	L.J.	Steven Joblin 515 Gilham Street Unit C-1 Philadelphia, PA 19111	Two checks in the amounts of \$6,000 and \$3,292, made payable to Steven Joblin, for Ten original etchings by Louis Icart.
Two	1-25-03	S.M.	Steven Joblin 515 Gilham Street Unit C-1 Philadelphia, PA 19111	Check in the amount of \$3,791.50, made payable to Steven Joblin, for 103-piece set silverware

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341.

**COUNTS THREE and FOUR**

**THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

1. Paragraphs one through fifteen of Counts One and Two are realleged here.

**The Wire Transfers**

2. On or about each of the dates set forth below, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, defendant

**STEVEN JOBLIN,**

for the purpose of executing the scheme described above, caused to be transmitted by means of wire communication in interstate commerce the signals and sounds described below, that is, wire transfers of funds, each transmission constituting a separate count:

<u>COUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
Three	2-5-03	United Kingdom	Pennsylvania	Two payments of \$2,275 and \$1,950 made through PayPal for an IBM Thinkpad T30 and a Canon digital camera.
Four	1-31-03	New York	Pennsylvania	Payment of \$2,701 made through PayPal for a Rolex Submariner Watch.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

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